

Testimony for Bill 11 CD 2
Written by Dylan Tamaribuchi

Dear chair and members of council,

I am writing about Bill 11 CD 2 which is granting aid for Adult Friends for Youth. I am a practicum student from HPU's BSW program and a part-time worker at Adult Friends for Youth. I have been with Adult Friends for Youth since the beginning of this year. Even in the short amount of time that I have been with Adult Friends for Youth, I have witnessed many achievements from our students. Through a non-judgmental, safe, and nurturing place are these achievements able to grow and flourish. There are many in society that says, "these youth are never going to make it", but I say this is not true. All it may take is simply listening to the youth and helping them with their needs. Adult Friends for Youth is all about being there for the youth every step of the way 24/7.

I am in support Bill 11 CD 2 because this is an investment not only for the 'now' but for the future of Oahu. Adult Friends for Youth is a significant part of Oahu's community because of the positive/productive changes made by our students.

Sincerely

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